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**From:** Jacobi, Annette S.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 5, 2016 5:06 PM  
**To:** Hann, Neil E.; Newman, Mark S.; Kimble, L. Carter  
**Subject:** FW: Alternatives-to-Abortion

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**From:** Jacobi, Annette S.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 05, 2016 5:04 PM  
**To:** 'Dierdre McCool'  
**Subject:** RE: Alternatives-to-Abortion

Hello there Dierdre,

I do not believe that the legislature has funded that particular revolving fund for several years. There is a small amount still left in that fund, though and we will disburse at least some of it by March 1.

I am not certain what Barbara means by contractor "guidelines", but below I have parts of the contract that she may find informational.

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**Purpose:**

In accordance with Oklahoma State Statute [\[1\]](#) and Oklahoma Rules [\[2\]](#), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is to contract with non-governmental health care and special service organizations to provide alternatives-to-abortion services. Alternatives-to-abortion services means "those services that promote childbirth instead of abortion by providing information, counseling and support services that assist pregnant women or women who believe they may be pregnant to choose childbirth and to make informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting with respect to their informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting with respect to their children." The services must be outcome-based with positive results.

The purpose of this specific contract is to assist birth parents, adoptees and adoptive parents with the adoption process.

**Contractor Minimum Qualifications:**

The Contractor must:

1. Have as part or in whole its purpose of assisting and encouraging women to carry their pregnancies to term and maximizing their potential thereafter.
2. Not provide abortions, promote abortions or directly refer to an abortion provider. However, any nondirective counseling relating to the pregnancy shall not disqualify the Contractor from receiving these funds.
3. Not be an affiliate of an agency that provides abortions, promotes abortions or directly refers to an abortion provider.
4. Not be a governmental agency and must be a not-for-profit organization.
5. Be licensed by the State of Oklahoma to provide adoption services.
6. Have been in operation and have provided adoption services for at least five years as of July 1, 2012.
7. Have written privacy policies and procedures in place to ensure client confidentiality, including,

but not limited to, ensuring that the name, address, telephone number and any other information that might identify any woman seeking services is not made public or shared with any other agency or organization without the written consent of the woman.

8. Have written policies and procedures in place requiring all staff, paid and voluntary, to undergo a background check that covers criminal history in Oklahoma and other states that the staff or volunteer has resided.
9. Have written policies and procedures in place for the reporting of child abuse and neglect commensurate with Oklahoma law.
10. Have written policies and procedures in place to ensure that women served are not discriminated against due to age, race, nationality, religion or marital status.
11. Be capable of collecting data and reporting the required data to OSDH on a monthly basis.

**Duties of the Contractor:**

The Contractor shall:

1. Assure that funds associated with this contract are not spent for religious, political, fundraising or advocacy purposes.
2. Provide prospective birth mothers (and fathers) assistance without undue pressure to place children for adoption.
3. Allow birth mothers (and fathers) to choose the type of adoption plan that best meets their needs and the needs of their babies.
4. Facilitate contact between the birth parents and adoptive families after the adoption is completed.
5. Provide support to birth parents and adoptive families on a routine basis after the adoption is completed.
6. Assure that all paid and volunteer staff providing services are appropriately trained and have current professional licenses.
7. Submit properly completed invoices along with relevant documentation within 30 days of the end of the month in which services were delivered.
8. Utilize contract funds for portions of staff salaries, fringe benefits and travel expenses related to serving individuals contemplating or currently involved in the adoption process.
9. Along with the monthly invoice, provide a monthly data report to OSDH. (*Attachment C*) If necessary, the Contractor may attach additional information in narrative form.
10. Cooperate with the OSDH Audit Division as they validate one month's invoices associated with contract and any necessary follow up activities.
11. Participate in a minimum of one site visit within the contract period to review program activities and to assure compliance with the billing process.
12. Acknowledge the Oklahoma State Department of Health as a financial supporter.

Have a great week! - AJ

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**From:** Dierdre McCool [<mailto:dmccool@deaconessadoption.org>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 05, 2016 4:07 PM

**To:** Jacobi, Annette S.

**Subject:** Alternatives-to-Abortion

Good Afternoon Annette,

I hope this email finds you off to a positive start for 2016. I am writing for two reasons. One, we would be interested in applying for the grant again for FY 2017. I am not sure if this grant will be defunded due to all the budget cuts. I completely understand if it is!

Second, Barbara Chisko from BirthChoice called me and wanted me to send her a copy

of the contractor guidelines for the grant. Are you okay with me releasing that? --

Appreciate you so much.

Dierdre L. McCool, MA, LPC

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[\[1\]](#) Alternatives-to-Abortion Services Title 63 O.S. 1-740.11

[\[2\]](#) Alternatives-to-Abortion Services O.A.R. 310-527